(d) whether care will be taken to see that the public is properly informed about the level of achievements in June, 1991 and the spectacular rise in the level of achievements as on May, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting provides comprehensive information on the polies, plans, projects and achievements of the Government of India through its various Medja Units so as to create a climate of awareness of the directions of development and ensure people's participation in the implementation of Government's plans and programmes. In view of their charter of responsibflities, constant efforts are always made for adequately publicising the policies, programmes and achievements of the Government through various programme formats. Besides, News Wings of All India Radio and Doordarshan bring to the listening public, news of important developments both at home and abroad in all spheres of life. In futue also it would be the constant endevour of these Units to keep the public properly informed about the level of achievements.

Certification of Indian Feature films

7869. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian feature films were certified during the last year;

(b) how many of them were in Hindi and how many were in Marathi;

(c) how many were certified as 'U' and 'A respectively;

(d) what is the reason for such high percentage of 'A' certification; and

(e) whether it is a fact that when 'A' certification is given there are more commercial benefits to the producers and distributors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) During the calendar year 1994, 754 Indian feature films (including 155 Hindi films and 22 Marathi films were ceritfied by the Central Board of Film Certification. While 534 of them were granted 'U' certificates, the number of A films was 129.

(d) No study has been made in this regard. However, the increase in percentage may be inter alia due to (i) more and more filmmakers including in their films elements not suitable for non-adults and (ii) the Board becoming more strict in the application of guidelines issued by Government for certification of films.

(e) Here again, no study has been made in this regard. The commercial success of a film depends upon many factors like storyline, star cast good direction good camera work, slick editing etc. However, there have been a number of appeals against the grant of an A certificate by the Board. At least in such cases it can be presumed that there is more commercial benefit in getting a U certificate.

निजी केबल आपरेटरों द्वारा दिखाये गये कार्यक्रम

7870. श्री रामजी लाल : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि कुछ निजी केबल आपरेटरों के कार्यक्रमों में भूतपूर्व स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के विरुद्ध प्रतिकूल टिप्पणियां की गई हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार उनके विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करने हेतु कोई कानून बनाने जा रही है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. पी. सिंह देव) : (क) सरकार को ऐसे एक मामले की जानकारी है ।

(ख) और (ग) देश में केवल टेलीविजन नेटवर्कों का परिचालन केवल टेलीविजन (विनियम) अधिनियम, 1995 द्वारा विनियंत्रित होता है । इस अधिनियम की धारा 19 में विभिन्न आधारों पर लोक हित में किसी कार्यक्रम विशेष को प्रसारित न करने अथवा पुन: प्रसारित करने के बारे में राज्य सरकार द्वारा प्राधिकृत अधिकारी द्वारा केवल आपरेटरों को आदेश देने का प्रावधान है।

Radio and Television stations in North-Eastern States

7871. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in North-Eastern States, State-wise having radio and TV stations alongwith their respecive dates of establishments; capacity and area covered, station-wise details thereof;

(b) the names of programmes broadcast|telecast in Hindi by said stations, station-wise and programme-wise details alongwith duration of such programmes;

(c) the names of programmes produced in Hindi by Guwahati and Dibrugarh Doordarshan Kendras, if any, since their inception, programme-wise and date-wise details; and

(d) whether Government propose any specific steps to cater to the needs of large Hindi-speaking population in Upper Assam who feel completely isolated due to almost no Radio|TV programmes in Hindi available to them and therefore compelled to switch over the cable TV; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Details are given in Annexure (*See* Appendix, Annexure No. 175)

(b) and (c) Details are given in Annexure (*See* Appendix. Annexure No. 176)

(d) The North-Eastern Service of AIR is broadcasting 45 per cent of its programmes in Hindi which cater to the listeners in all the seven North-Eastern States

Similarly, Hindi programmes telecast by Doordarshan on its national network are relayed by all the Doordarshan Kendras located in North-Eastern States.

Journalists Accompanying the President Prime Minister on Foreign visits

7872. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/guidelines adopted by Government to select Pressmen/Journalists to accompany the President and the Prime Minister on their visits abroad;

(b) the names of Pressmen/Journalists who accompanied the Prime Minister during his last visit to United States alongwith names of newspapers represented by them;

(c) the names of Pressmen hailing from North-Eastern States who accompanied the Prime Minister in his visits abroad during last five years, visit-wise details;

(d) the names of newspapers, Pressmen/Correspondents from said